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a dynamic control means for individually controlling the relative amplitudes of the separate audio signals for a given system power level based on predetermined criteria

REMARKS

Prior to addressing the merits of the Office Action, the undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Harvey for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on May 13, 1999. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the language discussed in the interview of November 10, 1998, overcame the prior art of record. As the Applicant pointed out in the November 10, 1998 interview, the Murry and Paroutaud references relied on in the rejection do not disclose the dynamic control means as set forth in the enclosed amendments. The Examiner agreed in that interview that an amendment of the type proposed in the interview (see Interview Summary) clarified the Applicant's position with respect to the dynamic control aspect of the invention and overcame the prior art. Applicant has amended the claims to include the language agreed to by the Examiner in the previous interview.

Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration of all grounds of rejection.

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,710,034 to Murry (hereinafter referred to as Murry) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,315,060 to Paroutaud (hereinafter referred to as Paroutaud).

These claims are all believed allowable in light of the remarks above and the amendments to the claims.

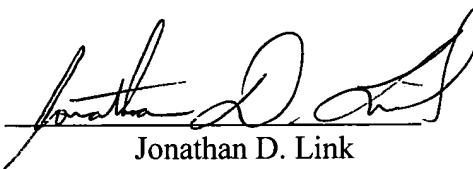
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and notification thereof is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-1869.

Respectfully submitted,

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